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In re Application of

Schneider, et al.

Application No. 09/680,726

: DECISION ON PETITION

Filed: October 5, 2000

Attorney Docket No. 10004229-1

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 19, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

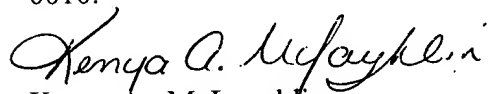
The renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed May 21, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time were obtained within the allowable period. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 22, 2003. A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed on February 4, 2004, and dismissed by a decision mailed March 3, 2004. The instant renewed petition was then filed on March 19, 2004.

The Request for Continued Examination filed March 19, 2004, is acknowledged and made of record.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0010.

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